

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94603

Shinsuke NAKANE, et al.

Application No.: 10/580,692

Group Art Unit: 1791

Confirmation No.: 4380

Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated June 8, 2009. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species "b" (corresponding to Fig. 2) for examination, on which claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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